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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

0112857-426

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

Unknown **10/524514**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/JP03/10632INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
August 22, 2003PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
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## TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR GENERATING HYDROGEN GAS, APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING HYDROGEN GAS, AND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:


1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

## Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. ☒ Express Mail Label No. EV 610 005 012 US
23. ☒ Other items or information:

Return receipt postcard; English Translation of International Search Report (2 pages); and Form PCT/IB/301, 304, 308

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24. The following fees are submitted:				<b>Applicant use</b>	<b>Office use</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee . . . . . \$300.00				\$ 300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee . . . . . \$200.00				\$ 200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee . . . . . \$500.00				\$ 500.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b>				<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
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Total claims	49 - 20 =	29	x \$50.00	\$ 1,450.00	
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> + \$360.00				\$ 0.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 0.00	
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <b>2,450.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>02-1818</b> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
<b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b> Thomas C. Basso Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC P.O. Box 1135 Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135					
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Sir:

I hereby certify that the following documents relating to the above-identified application:

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| 1. Transmittal Letter to the US<br>Designated/Elected Office (duplicate); | 5. International Search Report (8 pgs.);  |
| 2. Int'l App. as filed (29 pgs.);   | 6. Preliminary Amendment (13 pgs.);       |
| 3. Eng. translation of Int'l App. (55 pgs.);                              | 7. Forms PCT/IB/301, 304, 308;            |
| 4. Unexecuted Dec. & POA (4 pgs.);  | 8. Check in the amount of \$2,450.00; and |
|   | 9. Return receipt postcard.               |

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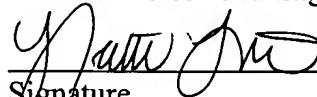
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Respectfully submitted,

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